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INFORMATION REPORT

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1. [] ship entered the Gulf of Riga during darkness. The buoys, which marked the passage through the bay, agreed, in general, with the course indicated in Nemedri. [] the positions and characteristics of the buoys which were as follows:

- N 57-38, E 21-34; one flash every six seconds.
- N 57-38, E 21-41; one flash every six seconds.
- N 57-37.4, E 21-49.4; one red flash every two seconds.
- N 57-38.9, E 21-58.8; one red flash every two seconds.
- N 57-40.1, E 22-06.3; one red flash every two seconds.
- N 57-45, E 22-24; one red flash every two seconds.
- N 57-48.8, E 22-39.5; one flash every five seconds.

2. When [] ship was 12 nautical miles from the nearest land, it was met by a Soviet patrol boat. The boat, which was a motor vessel about 100 feet long, lay dead in the water without navigation lights. The patrol boat challenged [] ship by visual signal, and when [] ship replied by giving its name, it was allowed to continue into the bay. A short time later, another Soviet patrol boat without navigation lights was observed. It followed [] ship to the marker buoy, where [] ship was requested to anchor and wait for the pilot.

3. [] ship anchored [] the pilot came aboard. [] ship weighed anchor and proceeded to the river.

4. The unloading began [] and it continued around the clock in three shifts. Because there was very limited space on the wharf, practically all the cargo was unloaded by one crane.

5. On the export wharf there were about 30 usable cranes which undoubtedly had been there since the Latvians' time (sic). Among the goods on the wharf was a large cargo of whale oil and bricks. The wharf itself was in good condition, and it was clear and orderly.

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6. Only two Soviet ships were observed in port. They were either laid up or under-going repairs.

7. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] Many men and women in uniform were observed, but very few naval personnel. [redacted] there were many of Riga's original population still in the area, and that only Russian was spoken in the city.

8. During departure, [redacted] ship was again escorted by a patrol boat as far as the 12-mile boundary. On departure the same route was followed as when the ship entered the area, until it reached N 57-38, E 21-55.8. At this point, [redacted] ship turned north between the light buoys at Mikhaylova Bank (N 57-45.8, E 21-44.8) and Berezina Bank (N 57-47.8, E 21-46.6) to the lighted whistle buoy at N 57-51.4, E 21-39.8. Another patrol boat, without navigation lights, was observed [redacted] approximately 12 miles from land. 25X1

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